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Center For Tomorrow Completes Renovations

New features include energy saving lighting, 5-room acoustic partitions, sound system and carpeting.

(Buffalo, NY) – Campus Catering, in cooperation with the UB Foundation, is pleased to announce the completion of the newly renovated banquet and conference space at UB’s Center For Tomorrow (CFT). The final installation of new flooring marks the completion of a nearly \$200 thousand remodeling effort that began early in 2008 and covers 4,700 square feet. The new interior, which hosts more than 300 events a year, has seen upgrades from top to bottom with a focus on environmental energy savings.

The new installed lighting now only uses 4,896 watts of energy, compared to 15,448 watts with the old fixtures and brightness has increased from 20’ candles to 35’ candles. In the process, upgrades were also made to the building’s emergency lighting system. To address additional energy savings, a new high efficiency ventilation system was installed in CFT’s newly designed ceiling.

Another substantial upgrade included the installation of new movable wall partitions. These acoustically tested (minimal sound transmission) partitions can divide the main ballroom into five separate rooms if necessary plus allowing for access to a main hallway. “The five separate rooms allows us to accommodate several smaller type sessions at the same time, or offers a single conference the ability to have break-out sessions,” said Rebecca Nelson, assistant manager for Campus Catering. “Along with the room partitions, a new audio system was installed, giving us the capability to provide audio to different rooms simultaneously.”

The most noticeable renovation that guests to the Center For Tomorrow will see is the newly installed high quality stain resistant carpet throughout the banquet area. “With the tremendous amount of foot-traffic we see here, from conferences, weddings, banquets, and so many other special events, it was important to us and our guests to have an attractive carpet that would also hold up well,” said David Voyer, manager for Campus Catering.

The University at Buffalo's Center for Tomorrow is the key to all conference and event needs. We offer specialized conference coordinating, in-house catering, state-of-the-art audiovisual capability, and professional meeting planner services to give you a complete conference and event environment. Whether preparing and serving a six-course dinner before the Distinguished Speakers Series, accommodating a graduation reception, or simply providing coffee and sweet rolls to a departmental gathering, our staff at the Center for Tomorrow has the expertise and resources to make any occasion one to remember.

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